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Applicant : Kaoru ARAI et al.

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For : CERAMIC COMPOSITE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.112
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 13, 2002**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 13, 2002, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response August 13, 2002.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for two months until October 13, 2002, and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for two months accompanied by the government extension of time fee. If for any reason the Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office and/or if the fee is deficient, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.